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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ETRD EGEN AS
SUBJECT: MIXED CREDITS

REF: STATE 075697

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH PRIVATE TRANSACTIONS
BRANCH AND OVERSEAS ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE
TREASURY AND BASED ON THESE DISCUSSIONS PROVIDES THE
FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL:
A.1. GOA DOES NOT INDULGE IN GRANTING OF MIXED CREDITS,
HAS NEVER DONE SO AND HAS NO PRESENT PLANS TO DO SO.
A.2. GOA HAS NOT RPT NOT AND DOES NOT PLAN TO USE TIED AID
CREDITS WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY AS ODA.
B&C NOT APPLICABLE IN VIEW OF ANSWERS TO SUBPARAGRAPH A.
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2. COMMENT: TREASURY OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED
TOLD US THAT FROM TIME-TO-TIME AUSTRALIAN TRADERS HAVE
PROPOSED SUCH IDEAS WHEN THEY HAVE LOST OUT IN COMPETITION
WITH SUCH COUNTRIES AS FRANCE AND CANADA, BUT THAT
TREASURY, THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AND THE

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUREAU - ADAB) HAVE ALWAYS RESISTED THESE MOVES. ALTHOUGH USUALLY OPPOSED AS WELL, SOME SEGMENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES (EX DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE) HAVE SHOWN AN INCLINATION TO LOOK AT SUCH MOVES IN A MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT. DFA AND ADAB HAVE OPPOSED ON GROUNDS THAT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN GRANT FORM AND THAT IT SHOULD BE EXPENDED STRICTLY IN AREAS WHERE IT CAN MOST BENEFIT THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. IF PROPOSALS SUCH AS THE ONES OUTLINED WERE INTRODUCED, DFA AND ADAB BELIEVE THAT COMMERCIAL INTEREST MIGHT OFTEN TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER DEVELOPMENTAL ONES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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